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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 1655

Application No. 09/171,854

Examiner: Sisson, B.

Filed: October 22, 1998

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For: **IDENTIFICATION OF
NUMERICAL CHANGES IN
CELL DNA**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 9, 2001 and is submitted on or before the extended due date of November 9, 2001. Applicants are submitting herewith a Petition for a 3-month Extension of and the requisite fee. The Examiner is requested to enter the Amendments and reconsider the application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A process for detecting [changes] chromosomal overrepresentation in cells [DNA], comprising the following steps:
 - (a) isolating DNAs from cells which have no known numerical changes in their DNAs, and amplifying the DNAs by means of a PCR method using tag primers;